

investment.

3rd: In the face of their decisions, we consider it unwise as members of Council to force the City into expensive litigation when we know the result of this litigation beforehand.

4th: In granting this increase in rate it will enable this Company to put on new cars and improve its service in every way, which will result eventually in great benefit to our citizens generally.

5th: The Courts allow many matters to be considered for rate making purposes that cannot be the subjects of taxation by the City. In considering any alleged discrepancy that may exist between the assessed value of the Street Car Company's property and the value of the plant as shown by its sworn statement, we do not think this is material at the present time. The board of equalization will take care of that matter. The sworn statement shows that the street car is paying out more money for expenses of operation and maintenance and interest on its debt than it is receiving in revenue, and this cannot continue very much longer without the Street Car Company's going into bankruptcy.

6th: By purchasing tickets, adult patrons of the street cars will pay only one and one quarter cent more and students and children between five and twelve years will pay only one-half cent more for their fares, and we consider this a conservative raise, in view of the greatly increased cost of materials, labor and fuel, the three essentials that make a street car system possible.

(Sgd) W. D. Yett, Mayor,
 " C. F. Alford,
 " J. W. Graham,
 " Jno. S. Ward,
 Councilmen."

The application of G. G. Morgan to operate a service car was granted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Ward moved that the ordinance requiring screens to be placed in stores, etc., be amended by adding the words, "or fans" thereto, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance to this effect. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, May 21, 1920.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; absent, none.

Councilman Haynes moved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to establish safety zones on Congress Avenue from First to Eleventh Streets in the City of Austin, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance on the subject. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The Council then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, May 27, 1920.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and upon motion of Councilman Ward were adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Haynes moved that the regular order of business be suspended and that a committee from the Cemetery Association be heard. A committee, composed of Mrs. Mary Mitchell and others, appeared before the Council and discussed the matter of rules and regulations for the Cemetery. Action upon same was deferred.

Councilman Haynes moved that C. E. Leonard, City Engineer, be instructed to draw plans for a proper vent stack, not less than 100 feet, to be erected at the sewage disposal plant. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Alford introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council shown, one-half, or Five Dollars and Forty Cents (\$5.40), of the fine and costs, amounting to Ten Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$10.80), assessed against Miles Leonard, Jr., in Cause No. 14183 in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, on April 28th, 1920, for the offense of fighting be and the same is hereby remitted.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The application of Frank Huerta to operate a service car was granted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The communication of D. Haehnel and others, complaining of the condition of the streets, was referred to Councilman Graham.

The petition of C. H. Washington and others in regard to connecting to the sanitary sewer was read and referred to Councilman Graham.

The following communication was read and ordered spread upon the Minutes: